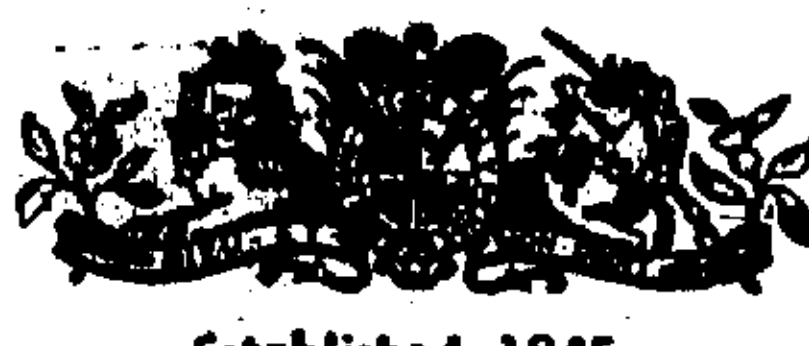


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Appointment Of "Supremo" In Malaya

Churchill Likely To Pick "Monty"

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 20. Mr Churchill will decide over Christmas on the appointment of a Malaya "Supremo" — a High Commissioner with supreme authority over the military and civil administration.

Events will move quickly after Mr Lyttelton's return here by air tomorrow morning. He is expected to see Mr Churchill immediately and will definitely confer with him at length at the Prime Minister's home at Chequers on Sunday.

The Cabinet will meet next week to approve the Premier's choice and Mr Lyttelton will take the name to the King at once.

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 64 years old and now Deputy to General Eisenhower at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe, is regarded here as the likeliest choice. But Mr Churchill, I understand, will have before him an impressive list of six or seven names. It may include such distinguished Service men as Lord Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, Lord Mountbatten and Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

IN AGREEMENT

Lord Montgomery is understood to be in general agreement

TWO PLANE CRASHES

Saigon, Dec. 20. The French authorities today announced that two French planes crashed in Indo-China in the past 24 hours, killing eight men.

The first announcement came early this morning, when it was reported that a French Navy Privateer crashed, killing the pilot and injuring two crewmen.

Later, the authorities said a French military plane crashed while parachuting equipment to the French-Vietnamese forces in the Sam Meun area.

The second plane was a Junker-52 and was dropping equipment and supplies to an outpost in the region of Sam Neua, some 100 miles southwest of Hou Binh—United Press.

Slated For New Job?



LORD MONTGOMERY

AIR CREWS TO STRIKE

Paris, Dec. 20. Air France air crews will strike tonight for three weeks, Air France announced in a communiqué.

The strike, which will paralyse all French air passenger services except those for the Far East over the Christmas and New Year period, is to back a demand for large salary increases, improved working conditions and a pension fund.

A group of 275 members of the National Union of Mercantile Aviation Officers decided on the strike by a show of hands at a meeting at the Merchant Aviation Club this evening.

Air France at once asked intending passengers to contact booking offices where they would be told if there was any hope of their reaching their destinations by Air France, by other airlines or by surface travel.

Not all Air France air crews belong to the National Union, and so the strike may not be complete, an Air France spokesman said.

The strike will end on January 9 at midnight unless an agreement with the administration is reached before, but for the moment the talks have been broken off, an air crew spokesman said.

Mail planes will not be affected.

The Air France Far East route, which serves principally Indo-China, will not be affected in order not to hinder France's war effort there.—Reuter.

ARMS-CARRYING EGYPTIANS TO BE CONSIDERED AS HOSTILE

Gen. Erskine's New Order

Cairo, Dec. 20.

British troops were ordered tonight to regard as "hostile" any Egyptian civilian carrying arms. United Press correspondent Peter Webb reported from Ismailia that British Canal Zone forces would henceforth treat as "hostile" Egyptian civilians found carrying arms or explosives in the area.

He said that the order was issued by Lieutenant-General Sir George Erskine, Commander of the British forces in the Suez Canal Zone.

This order was interpreted as drastic British reaction to the Egyptian authorities approving arms-carrying privileges to Egyptian civilians under certain conditions of approval last week after the Cabinet had recalled the Egyptian Ambassador to Britain, Amr Pasha.

Only events could clarify whether tonight's British order meant that all Egyptian irregulars or guerrillas, whose British activity recently increased, would be shot on sight or otherwise classified as belligerents.

A British military spokesman declined to elaborate on General Erskine's order.

Usually reliable quarters said, however, it meant that Egyptians carrying arms would be held in detention camps and not, as formerly, turned over to the Egyptian police.

The British spokesman said that the order had been issued because of the "declared intention of the Egyptian Government to amend the law prohibiting the carrying of arms and because of continuing attacks on British troops."

He refused to say whether Egyptians detained under the new order would be charged and tried by court martial.

Meanwhile, British military engineers continued efforts to restore Canal Zone rail traffic disrupted last week when saboteurs blew up a British train.

They built a temporary route to carry traffic until the main line is repaired.

Tightening up on travel regulations following attacks on small units, the British also banned all night-time travel in private cars. Daylight travel in the Canal Zone is restricted to convoy movements by the same order.—United Press.

NEW INCIDENTS

Ismailia, Canal Zone, Dec. 20. An explosion occurred as a British Army goods train travelling south from Port Said passed over a stretch of line near Kantara yesterday, an official British spokesman announced today.

There were no casualties.

A bomb was thrown last night at a bridge near the YMCA from a black saloon car, the spokesman added, but there was no damage or casualty.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS GRADUATE

Cairo, Dec. 20. Undergraduates armed with Sten guns, rifles and hand grenades fired shots in the air at a parade at Cairo's Fud Awazi University today to mark their passing out as guerrillas for the Suez Canal Zone.

A bomb was exploded in an open space to signal the departure of the 50 students, the first batch to receive training under the Egyptian Government's scheme to control the "liberation" movement against the British.

Three teachers and comrades made farewell speeches.

Students from several secondary schools missed classes to attend the ceremony and honour the first student "liberation" battalion.—Reuter.

16 KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Johannesburg, Dec. 20. Sixteen Africans were killed and 10 others seriously injured today when a mine explosion occurred in a coal mine near Johannesburg, this morning.

The accident was believed due to a cable short-circuiting and igniting a pocket of coal dust.—France-Press.

Pakistan & Sterling Bloc

May Call For Its Winding-Up

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Dec. 20.

Reports from Karachi tonight indicate that Pakistan might call for the winding-up of the Sterling bloc when the Commonwealth Finance Ministers meet here next month to discuss the economic situation.

Pakistan may demand freedom of trade direct with the dollar countries. It is said that Pakistan believes the winding up of the dollar bloc and the heavy adverse balance of payments with the European Payments Union countries is due to some members of the Commonwealth living beyond their means.

India is named as the chief offender.

As a net dollar earner, Pakistan resents the fact that dollars earned by Sterling raw materials exporting countries are being used by other members of the bloc when they could be better utilised in development scheme.

It is pointed out that oil imports from the dollar area, the rising cost of raw materials stockpiling, expenditure on rearmament, repayment of loans and credits and seasonal trade variations account for only half of the adverse balance. The rest is due to "living beyond means."

Newfoundland Tidal Wave

St John's, Newfoundland, Dec. 20.

The Red Cross has declared a national emergency here and is rushing help to an area overwhelmed by a tidal wave in the worst case for many years.

More than 600 residents of Stephenville in the west left their homes when the seas roared in. They fled to higher ground, taking shelter in a hospital and a school.

The nearby United States air base at Harmonfield is sending food and supplies.—Reuter.

Sequel To Bus Disaster

Chatham, Dec. 20.

The driver of the bus which killed 34 Royal Marine cadets at Chatham a fortnight ago, was summoned by the Public Prosecutor today to answer allegations of dangerous driving and driving without due care and attention.

The driver, John Benson, of Chatham, was to appear before a local court on January 7 for hearing of the manslaughter charge.—Reuter.

Jets Pound N. Korean Factory Into Rubble

Seoul, Dec. 21.

Smoke and dust billowed 3,000 feet into the sky on Thursday as streaking jets of the Fifth Air Force transformed a big North Korean factory into flaming rubble.

Forty-eight F-80 Shooting Stars scored 48 direct hits to wipe out nine buildings of bustling locomotive repair factory. Thousand pound bombs whistled down to peck out a mighty area of destruction.

Said Second-Lieutenant Ernest E. Gallart, of Westport, Indiana, "Clouds of debris obscured the main factory building after the first wave of jets had gone in. I saw smoke and dust rise as high as 3,000 feet."

It was a spectacular demonstration of the Fifth Air Force's bitter effort to dislocate the Communist rail system from every angle. Other warplanes ripped up rails all along the enemy's main supply routes—a daily, dangerous routine now in "Operation Strangle."

F-86 Sabre jets ripped up to the Yalu for 30 minutes on Thursday afternoon, hunting for enemy MIGs, but failed to sight any.

DROWNING ALONG

The ground war drowned along with no significant activity. On the Western front north-west of Yonchon, a UN patrol was "moderately engaged" for an hour, the Eighth Army said, with an enemy unit of undetermined strength. Allied troops withdrew under cover of mortar and artillery fire—and early morning darkness. In another pre-dawn engagement, Eighth Army doughboys gave up a hill-top outpost east of the Pukhan River on the central front after a three-hour attack by an enemy company.

But even as the shooting war lagged, the Communists launched a Christmas spirited psychological war on frontline Allied troops.

The Reds are distributing propaganda laden "Christmas stockings" to UN infantrymen, generally just by leaving them in areas where Allied foot sloggers will find them.—Associated Press.

PEKING AND TRUCE

San Francisco, Dec. 21.

Peking Radio said today that if the "American side regarded themselves as conquerors in the Korean war and refuse to negotiate on an equal and reasonable basis they can end the truce talks at any time they wish."

However, the Communists would continue to leave open the door on an armistice.

Pointing out that only seven days remained before the agreement on a provisional armistice line across Korea expired, the broadcast said, "If the pugnacious elements of the other side continue to persist with their preposterous proposals the American delegates will bear all the responsibility for stalling and wrecking the truce talks."

"The other side must give up their absurd and unreasonable demands to interfere in the internal affairs of a sovereign state," the Radio added.—Reuter.

Picture shows King Gustav of Sweden presenting the Nobel Physics Prize to Sir John Cockcroft, chief of the Atomic Research Institute at Harwell, at the official presentation held recently. On the left are Princess Sibylla and Prince Wilhelm.

DESERTER SENTENCED

Berlin, Dec. 20.

A British court martial here today sentenced 22-year-old Pte. John William McPherson to two years' detention and dishonourable discharge on charge of desertion.

McPherson told the court in a prepared statement that he "went across" to the East German authorities on May 7 this year because he was "fed up" with Army life.

He returned and gave himself up to the Army authorities in West Berlin on November 8. McPherson told the court that he could no longer stand the life in East Germany.—Reuter.

Ship Strikes Wreck And Sinks

Alexandria, Dec. 20.

The Italian ship, Elisabetta, sank in the entrance to the port of Alexandria today after hitting a wartime wreck.

The 11 members of the crew were rescued.

The ship, which was carrying a cargo of scrap from Tobruk, had tried to reach port for shelter from a storm.—France-Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Designs For City Hall

THE Hon. T. N. Chau's timely questions in Legislative Council about the proposed City Hall produced some interesting and revealing answers. Government outlines four alternative methods of designing and constructing the building and admits an inclination towards one of them. It promises to introduce a resolution in Legislative Council on the subject which will enable Unofficial members an opportunity to express their own views. It is noted that certain weighty objections have been found to the original popular idea of conducting an open competition for the best architectural design. In the first place it would be fairly costly; secondly the final verdict would rest with assessors, with which neither public opinion nor Government could interfere; thirdly, if because of public opinion Government were to refuse to accept the design selected by the assessors, an entirely new start would have to be made with the Colony thrown back on its local resources, and a considerable amount of money would be wasted. The conditions which the R.I.B.A. attach to a competition of this nature are not readily acceptable. The public most decidedly wants a say in the type of City Hall it is proposed to build and to feel it is entitled to reject a selected design if it does not measure up to majority opinion. It must be confessed that in view of Government's disclosures the idea of throwing the architectural design open to competition under the aegis of the R.I.B.A., becomes less appealing. Three other methods have been set forth, one of which virtually rules itself out because Government's nominees for the task of preparing detailed architectural plans and designs is not at present in a position to accept the commitment. The other suggestions, in brief, are (a) the Public Works Department in association with Professor Gordon Brown should undertake the job of preparing designs and they in turn would call on the assistance of two or three additional architects on a contractual basis; (b) the straight out appointment of a local firm of architects. The expectation is that one of these two alternatives will eventually be followed unless the coming Legislative Council debate yields any other useful suggestions. Most will agree that it would be a decided advantage to have the City Hall designed by professional men familiar with Hongkong; who can readily appreciate how to produce a design that will "fit in" with the proposed site—its foreground the city, and its background the harbour and Kowloon hills. It is conceded, too, that Government should not surrender its right, either on its own behalf or in the interests of the general public, to agree or disagree with selected designs whether these be made from a competition or submitted by invitation. On the other hand, there must be no side-stepping of the City Hall Advisory Committee. Whatever decision is finally reached as to the method for procuring designs and plans the public will expect the advisory committee to be consulted by Government. The committee is a fully representative body and clearly the best medium through which Government can obtain popular feelings on this question of what sort of City Hall Hongkong shall have. Government must avoid at all costs giving the impression that it is trying to ram something unpalatable down the throat of a resisting and dissatisfied public. This is one time when Government can allow itself to be fully guided by public opinion. That it is prepared to do so is indicated by the decision to throw the subject open for general debate in Legislative Council.

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STALIN'S REPORTED ILLNESS

The Hague, Dec. 20.
The Berlin correspondent of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" today reported that Stalin's health had prevented him from travelling to Moscow to attend tomorrow's celebration of his 72nd birthday.

The correspondent said Stalin's condition left much to be desired and that he would not interrupt his usual winter stay on the Russian Black Sea coast.

Moscow Radio has made only a few references to Stalin's birthday but newspapers and radio stations in other European countries have been busy for many weeks.

They repeated pledges by workers to produce more and praised the Soviet Union as "leader of the peace camp" and "leader of progress and humanity."

None of the nations heard in London gave any indication of Stalin's present whereabouts. But it was thought in London that he is likely to be either in Moscow or the Caucasus where he often spends several months towards the end of the year.

ORDINARY DAY

Tomorrow will be a normal working day in Russia and Europe.

This year the only "present" mentioned by Communist radio are promises by workers to "overfulfill their working norms" in celebrating their 70th birthday two years ago when Stalin received gifts from all over the world ranging from cars to delicately fashioned pottery vases.

Russian papers generally do not publicize the activities of the Communist leader except when he receives important visitors, confers decorations or appears in public though they quote his pronouncements almost daily.

—France-Press and Reuter.

Rail Coach Burns

Tokyo, Dec. 20.
Seventeen passengers were injured here this morning when a coach of a subway train caught fire due to engine trouble. The coach was partially destroyed.—Reuter.

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SIX-YEAR-OLD PRODIGY



When six-year-old Kenneth Barnsdale goes home to the U.S. from Britain in a few months he will take with him three silver cups and 13 medals which he has won as a pianist. He was four when he arrived in Britain with his parents (his father is in the U.S. Navy) and had not really started learning to play until his English music teacher began giving him lessons.

Libya To Become Sovereign State Next Monday

London, Dec. 20.

Britain and France will transfer full powers to the new independent, sovereign State of Libya next Monday, December 24, the Foreign Office announced today.

At present Britain administers the two provinces of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania. The third, the Fezzan, is administered by France.

The transfer of full sovereign power to a Libyan Government takes place in accordance with resolutions passed by the United Nations in 1949 and 1950 which set the deadline for independence as January 1, 1952.

While the formal announcement of the transfer of power was being issued in London, Egypt charged Britain with having allowed "a reign of terror" to be unleashed by the existing provisional Libyan Government.

The Egyptian delegation to the United Nations Assembly in Paris called for further reports from Britain on British administration to be placed before the Assembly's Political Committee.

Libya's independence will be proclaimed in a broadcast from Benghazi, the Cyrenaican capital, by the future King, the Emir Sayed Idris el Senussi.

The British Residents in Benghazi and Tripolitania will ceremonially transfer the remaining powers, control of defence and foreign affairs, to the new Libyan Government. They will then be withdrawn together with their staffs.

Local government and financial powers have already been transferred by the administering authorities.

British relations with the new State will be close both because Britain has undertaken to underwrite the Libyan budget deficit and because an Anglo-Libyan mutual assistance treaty, already in draft form, is due to be signed after a constitutionally elected government comes to power next Spring.

Britain has assured the United Nations that her financial assistance to the new State and Libya's membership of the Sterling Area will not be permitted to interfere with traditional trade with non-Sterling countries or to involve an infringement of Libya's sovereignty.

Libya will also receive financial assistance from France and from America under the Mutual Aid Programme.

RAF BASES

The current budget deficit of the provinces of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, estimated at £1,180,000 and £463,000, respectively, have been covered by British assistance.

The new mutual defence alliance between Britain and independent Libya will provide for the continued stationing of British troops and Royal Air Force units in the new State. An understanding has already been reached with the provisional Government that British troops at present in the country will remain until the alliance comes into force.

This also understood to apply to French troops in the Fezzan.

The American Government will, it is understood, sign a special agreement as soon as Libyan independence is proclaimed, providing for the continued use of Maltaha air base by American forces.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN MOVE

Cairo, Dec. 20.
Egypt today appointed an Ambassador to Libya and began efforts to include her new sovereign neighbour in the Arab League.

King Farouk appointed Salah el Din Fadel Bey, Egypt's representative to the United Nations Commission for Italian Somaliland, as Ambassador.

Egypt thus has become the first country in the world to appoint a diplomatic envoy to Libya.

At the same time, Egypt is seeking to secure a seat on the Arab League for the new State for the double purpose of strengthening the League and assuring that Libya's foreign policy aligns itself more closely with Arab interests.—United Press.

Unique Atom Project For Europe Announced

NON-SECRET RESEARCH

Paris, Dec. 20.

Atom scientists of 12 nations have completed the first preliminary stage in the setting up of a non-secret European nuclear research laboratory estimated to cost \$15 million over five years.

Before the scientists meet next in Geneva on February 12, a seven-nation working group will have prepared a more detailed draft on the project for participating Governments.

The laboratory envisaged the construction of more powerful atomic research tools than now exist in Europe.

The \$200,000 needed for studies in 1952 has been pledged by countries taking part in the week-long conference arranged by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The chief British delegate, Sir George Thomson, said at a Press conference that results of research at the European laboratory would be published.

Sir George said "We" who asked if these results would not be useful to potential enemies.

Pressed by questioners on how the project's research would not have a bearing on weapons or industrial application, Sir George said: "It is true that both so-called atomic energy and the work in which we are interested concerns the nucleus—that is the inner parts of the atom—but the amount of energy involved is very different."

PEACEFUL WORK

The researches in which we are interested involve something like one thousand times as much energy. That does not mean that one scientific discovery will have no influence on an adjacent branch of the science but the connection in this case is a very improbable one."

Professor Pierre Auger, head of the Natural Science Department of UNESCO, estimated that it would take a year to 18 months to prepare estimates and plans before the actual construction of the European laboratory.

(Switzerland has proposed Geneva as the site of the laboratory).

The laboratory, he said, was planned for nuclear research and not for atomic energy. "It is a scientific and peaceful work."

Sir George Thomson said that Sweden's offer of a 200,000-volt cyclotron at Uppsala University would probably be accepted.

M. Francois de Rose, member of the French Atomic Energy Commission said that no financial commitments on setting up the laboratory had yet been made.

EXPENSIVE PROJECT

"It will be up to governments to see what they can do to put the plans into effect." Specific legislation would probably be required by each country and some sort of agreement would be drawn up.

Sir George Thomson said that the \$15 million would cover only the cost of the machines. They would also be expensive to run.

Professor Jakob Nielsen, of Denmark, said that modern machines would cost a lot to be effective but it would be erroneous to measure scientific research by the amount of money spent on it.

Professor Auger said that the United States had supplied the conference with the fullest data and plans.

The laboratory would take the form of a university with research results being published immediately in scientific journals.

BRITISH CYCLOTRON

The working group is made up of: Dr. J. H. Banner, Director of the Netherlands Organisation of Pure Research; Professor G. Colson, of Italy, Professor de Hemptinne of Louvain University; Professor Jakob Nielsen, of Denmark; M. Albert Picot, of Switzerland; M. Francois de Rose, of France; and Mr. A. H. Waterfield of the British Embassy.

The conference agreed that Professor Niels Bohr, Danish scientist and Nobel Prize man, and Professor Paul Scherrer, President of the Swiss Atomic Energy Commission, should discuss with Liverpool University and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research the terms on which the British cyclotron can be made available.

Persian MPs In A Huff

Tehran, Dec. 20.
Thirty-eight Persian Deputies today refused to attend meetings of the Majlis (Parliament) unless Opposition members apologised for Tuesday's attack on Abdul Ghassem, an anti-British religious leader.

As a result the Majlis was unable to meet today.

The 38 Deputies, all of them supporters of Prime Minister Mohammed Mosaddegh's Government, addressed their ultimatum in a letter to the Speaker.—Reuter.

TREASURE HUNT IN CHINA SEA

New Attempt To Be Planned By Air

London, Dec. 20.

Another attempt to discover the treasure of Captain William Kidd—the pirate who was executed at Tilbury 250 years ago—is planned soon.

So far treasure-seekers have planned to use ships, navigating to the South China seas by charts believed to have been left by Captain Kidd. Now a proposal has been made that aircraft be used.

The leader would be Mr. George Shepherd, of Brighton, who has made three attempts to discover the £100,000 treasure.

The last ended when the 40-year-old schooner Lamorra was battered off the Isle of Wight a month ago. But Mr. Shepherd can expect competition. A few miles from Brighton, at Shoreham, the schooner Barra is gathering a crew. As soon as overhauls have been completed she is due to set sail, guided by what are believed to be the original maps.

Posthumous Medal For Korea Hero

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The United States Army today awarded the Congressional Medal of Honour to a 24-year-old infantryman who three times single-handedly charged a Communist machine-gun position and died destroying it.

He was Sergeant First Class Junior D. Edwards, formerly of Company "E", 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. His home was at Indianapolis, Iowa.

On January 2, 1951, the Communists set up a road block on a hill position dominating an Allied supply route at Chang-bong, in North Korea.

Three times Edwards charged the position, armed with grenades. Each time during the first two assaults, he forced the Communist machine-gunners out of the position.

But when he ran out of grenades they returned. The third time he killed the gun crew but fell mortally wounded.—Reuter.

Weizmann Much Better

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 20.

President Chaim Weizmann, 77, is continuing to recover from his illness, an official spokesman announced today. The spokesman denied local Press reports that the President's condition had not improved.

He said Dr. Weizmann's improvement was corroborated by the return to Britain today of the President's son Benjamin and his wife. The President was now able to sit up in bed and had an excellent appetite, he added.—United Press.

Cars For Japan Police Reserve

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The Chief of Japan's Police Reserve Corps, Mr. Keikichi Masuhara, told Press reporters here today that the Corps was planning to order 10,000 vehicles, including jeeps and half-ton weapons carriers.

The Corps was seeking several manoeuvring grounds for the training of its members, Mr. Masuhara added.—Reuter.

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FRANCE'S BUDGET DILEMMA

Temporary Solution Agreed On

Paris, Dec. 20. The French Cabinet today reached a temporary solution to the dilemma of maintaining the level of armaments: how to find money for increased arms production and the larger corps of professional soldiers considered necessary for France's contribution to the Atlantic defence programme.

The French Government has decided to increase the defence budget for 1952 by 10 per cent, but to reduce the civilian budget by the same amount. The decision was made after a long and difficult discussion in the Cabinet.

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British Treaty With Muscat

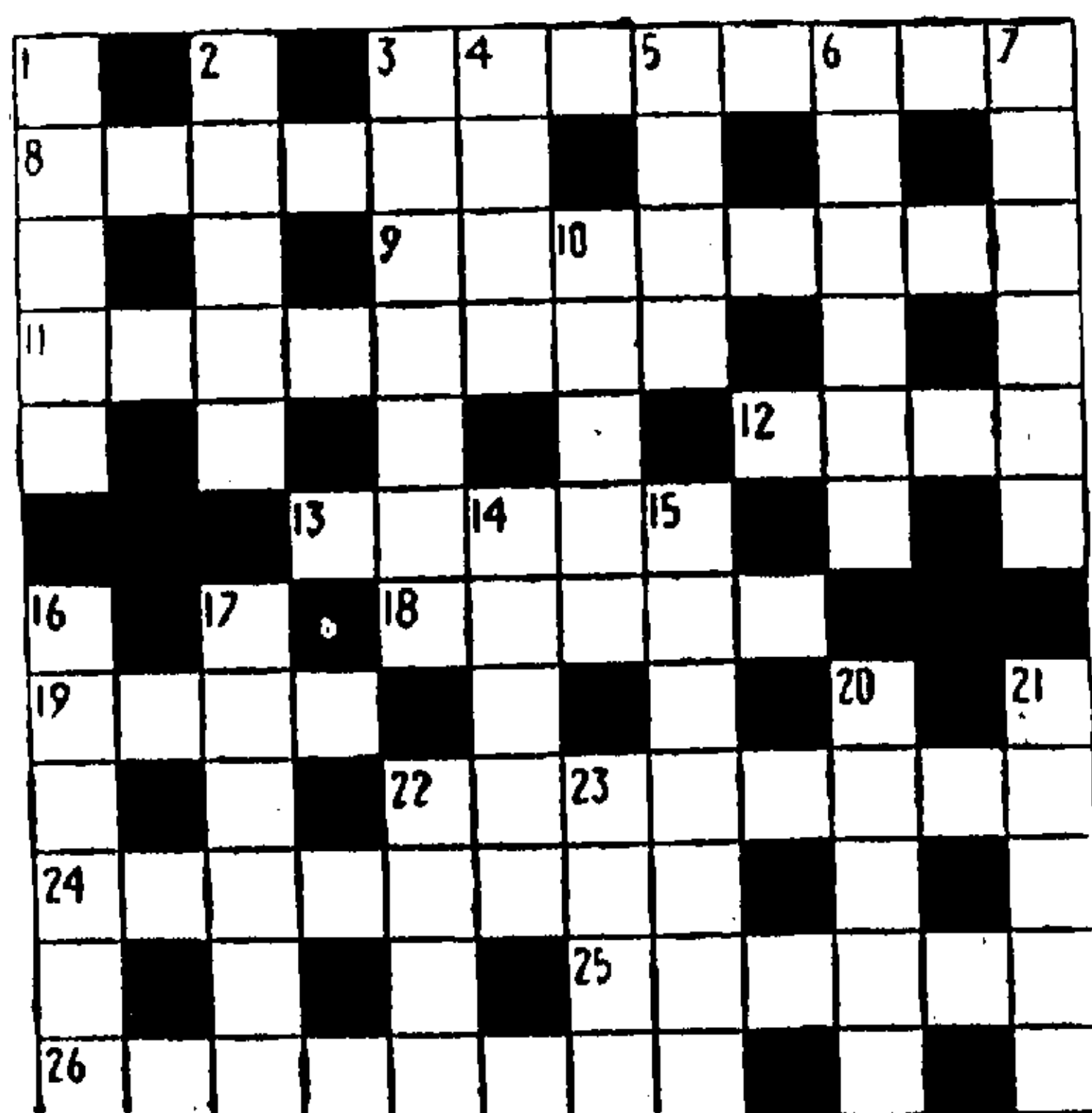
London, Dec. 20. Britain and the Sultanate of Muscat, on the Persian Gulf, today signed a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation, giving each other most favoured nation treatment.

The Sultanate of Muscat is one of the potentially rich oil-bearing territories on the Persian Gulf.

The treaty was signed in Muscat today by the Sultan and a British political representative for the Persian Gulf, Sir Rupert Hay. It replaces one signed in 1939 which expires on December 31 this year and will run for 15 years from the date of ratification.

Negotiations on it have been in progress for some months.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Amaze (8).
- 8 Enjoy (6).
- 9 Repentant (8).
- 11 Vies with (6).
- 12 Dreadful (4).
- 13 Lashed (5).
- 18 Enchantress (5).
- 19 Candid (4).
- 22 Chided (8).
- 24 Rousing call (8).
- 26 Wireless accessory (8).
- 26 Perceives (8).

DOWN

- 1 Upright (5).
- 2 Well covered (5).
- 3 Climbs (7).
- 4 Small lead pellets (4).
- 5 Grain (4).
- 6 Thickened down (6).
- 7 Dilates (6).
- 10 At no time (5).
- 14 Defamatory statement (5).
- 15 Stages (7).
- 16 Very hot (8).
- 17 Departs (6).
- 20 Dodge (5).
- 21 Grown-up (6).
- 25 Fox (4).
- 25 Scheme (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Gamester, 7 Caper, 8 Aesop, 10 Abrade, 13 Ponders, 15 Peel, 17 Eagerly, 18 Snapping, 20 Exit, 21 Egg-cups, 23 Eleven, 27 Protrude, 28 Aid, 29 Disclaim. Down: 1 Scarp, 2 Spurn, 3 Grade, 4 Epid, 5 Father, 6 Rudely, 8 Berene, 11 Corax, 12 Adopt, 14 Seized, 15 Fence, 16 Slope, 18 Seeped, 19 Pivot, 22 Gleam, 23 Upright, 24 Snobs, 26 Orpl.

STUNT MAN WINS FIRST PRIZE



Brian Johnston (the BBC stunt man) and his wife, who won first prize at a fancy dress ball at Chelsea Town Hall. Mrs. Johnston is wearing her original school uniform.

First "Enoch Arden" Case Of Korea War

Atlanta, Dec. 20. The first United States "Enoch Arden" case of the Korean war turned up here today when a 22-year-old woman who re-married after her husband had been reported killed in Korea learned that he had been listed as a Communist prisoner of war.

"I just don't know what to do," whimpered Mrs. Agnes Sasser.

"I haven't been able to think at all through," she added. She received a telegram from the Defence Department informing her that her last husband, Pte. Walter Dixon, wounded in Korea on May 18, 1951, had died the same day.

The woman, who said she was a widow, collected her husband's \$10,000 G.I. insurance and re-married.

She was going through the Communist prisoner of war list yesterday when she ran across her first husband's name.

She said, "I am sure it's the same Dixon. The serial numbers match."

She called Pte. William Sasser, her second husband.

who works with her in a machine record unit at Fort MacPherson here, and blurted out the news. He was stunned.

Mrs. Sasser sobbed, "The Defence Department told me that Walter was wounded by bomb fragments at the front and died the same day. You have no idea how I feel. I just can't believe that Walter is still alive — I don't know what to do."

The brown-eyed beauty and her husband left here today for a two-week vacation "to think the thing over."

The Defence Department said that the matter had been sent to General Matthew Ridgway's headquarters for investigation.

Enoch Arden is a fictional character supposedly lost at sea. He returned home to find his wife happily re-married. He went away without telling her he still lived.

Asked which husband she will stick by, Mrs. Sasser said, "I don't know. Bill and I may not even be married. Oh, I just don't know what to do."

United Press.

COMMONWEALTH TROOPS PREPARE FOR XMAS IN KOREA

Commonwealth Division, Dec. 20.

A British platoon, scrambling into trucks today to move to a forward position, gently lifted a fuel stove into the back of one of the vehicles.

A Tommy grinned and said: "No matter what the Chinese throw at us, we are going to have the hottest, best dinner in Korea on Christmas Day."

Throughout the Commonwealth Division, festive spirit was high today among troops who are convinced that the Korean war will be soon over.

Goodwill was evident everywhere as the fighting had continued along the battlefield. Not far behind the front line, where signs along the muddy roads warn against enemy snipers, units have erected Christmas trees with gaily-painted bunting and Santa Claus, wishing a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Tents and clay-walled huts and huts were decorated with bright coloured ribbons and there were Christmas trees and stunted Korean pines. But there will be no relaxation of the normal alertness against Communist attacks on Christmas Day.

Commanding officers have arranged to release some units from the front line and replace them with other troops while they have a day's fun and a good Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding.

FUND FOR ORPHANS

Typical of the Christmas spirit, the Commonwealth Division "Operation Wee-wee-wee" is a fund for Korean war orphans.

Soldiers of all ranks are contributing generously. The "Operation" will bring Father Christmas right through the doors of one orphanage in Korea.

Commonwealth troops have raised more than 1,000,000 yen to buy toys, clothing and school equipment for the 600 to 700 orphans.

A "buying team" of three officers — an Englishman, a Canadian and an American — has gone to Tokyo to conduct a scientific purchasing mission with the aid of an experienced Australian procurement officer.

One of the team, all of whom wished to remain anonymous, said that the scheme of adopting the orphanage was founded by the former Canadian 25th Brigade's senior chaplain, Major J.G.M. Kelly.

There were two orphanages in the Seoul area which the

Division took in charge. The smaller, containing about 300 orphans, was adopted by the Canadians and the larger by the United Kingdom, Australian, New Zealand and Indian elements of the Division.

PLENTY OF TOYS

When donations were called for, they poured in by the pounds sterling, military strips, collars, buttons, pennies, won (Korean money) and even a rupee.

Said the officer: "We got two big bags full of toys. I don't know how much they amounted to, but we are going to buy shoes in Korea with them."

The officer continued: "The rest we brought to Japan, where it was all converted to yen."

The team estimate that it will have a "good place" to take back to Korea with it. The amount of their purchases was on warm clothing and school necessities but there will still be plenty of toys to bring out the smiles of all those who attend the Christmas celebration.

On Christmas Eve, when Father Christmas of Seoul climbs into his traditional uniform, he is really going to hundreds of little Korean hearts, with the compliments of the First Commonwealth Division. — Reuters.

Decision By Red Cross

Geneva, Dec. 20. The International Red Cross has decided to send an official five-man mission to Korea, the International Red Cross Committee announced tonight.

The Committee refused to disclose the object of the mission which will be headed by Nicolas Brunkhardt of Switzerland. — France-Press.

Mystery Of Embassies' Brass Plates

Washington, Dec. 20.

Brass name plates have mysteriously disappeared from the doors of the Soviet and Rumanian Embassies in Washington and left diplomatic officials of the countries to make representations to the State Department.

The disappearance was brought to the attention of the Washington Evening Star by passers-by and a reporter from the paper was sent to the Soviet Embassy for information.

Asked whether the plates had been removed by Embassy staff because the Embassy was planning to move, a spokesman of the Embassy answered that he too wondered what had become of the plates.

Shortly afterwards the Soviet Union and Rumania filed a complaint on the matter with the State Department. — France-Press.

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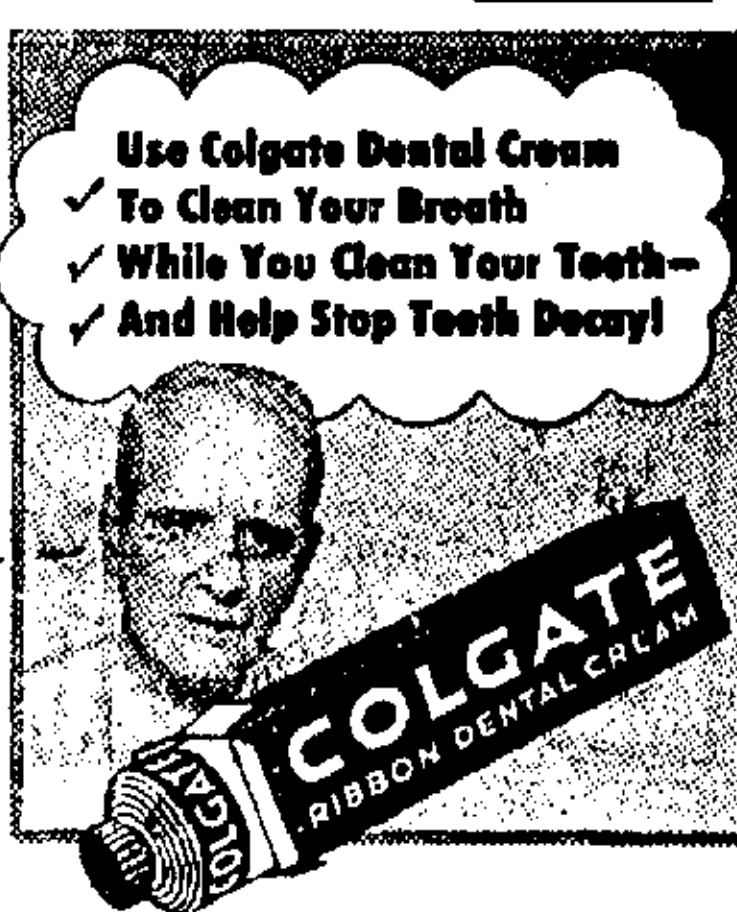
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GINGLE'S ANNEXE

70, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

MOUNTBATTEN

—and the challenge to his charm

by JOHN JUNOR

IT was Noel Coward who summed up for the smart set. "The position having become impossible," he said, "they have to call on Dickie." The "position," as Mr. Coward termed it, was India.

And Dickie, Lord Mountbatten, the man then newly commissioned to give away in 15 months an Empire it had taken 200 years to build, he succeeded in 145 days.

At that time the Mountbatten legend was at its zenith. Not without reason. For to Mountbatten, success and fame had flowed free and fast.

In his 47 gay, glittering years, he had so far tasted real failure only twice. In Burma. And in his wartime attempt to build an airfield of ice in the middle of the Atlantic.

Could Mountbatten succeed in India? Mr. Stafford and Sir Stafford. Camps thought so. They pleaded with him to accept the job. They virtually allowed him to name his own conditions.

The King thought so too. To quote Lord Mountbatten's words, his Majesty was "sold" on the idea of his cousin becoming Viceroy.

He examined the possibility of personal failure and loss of face with the thoroughness of a fishmonger filleting a flounder.

He recalled a warning which he himself had given to Sir Hubert Rance when Rance, in August 1946, was appointed Governor of Rangoon.

His warning? "Don't arrive on the spot until the trouble is at its very worst. Then they can't blame you for anything."

But Rance disregarded the advice. A simple sense of duty impelled him to get to Rangoon as quickly as he could.

Instead of arriving while the big Rangoon strike was at its height he did so a few days before it began.

As a result he was unjustly blamed for having helped to incur it.

Could the same thing happen to Mountbatten in India? Mountbatten decided the risk of his being made a scapegoat was not excessive.

So he said "Yes" to Mr. Attlee and began assembling a personal staff to take to Delhi.

more flash-bull provides nothing more might ever have been heard of him. But he did not content himself.

He kept a day-to-day diary of the 15 months he spent in close and intimate association with Mountbatten. And the result published under the title "MISSION WITH MOUNTBATTEN" is a document of outstanding importance.

Dreary

ITS importance lies not in the writing. The writing is dull and dreary. A critical faculty is non-existent. Campbell-Johnson looks upon Lord Mountbatten as a new boy at school might look upon the handsome Rugby captain.

And then, curiously enough, lies the value of the book. For it is obvious that the author is no more than the mirror of his master. What Mountbatten thought yesterday, Campbell-Johnson writes today.

So it may be presumed that when Campbell-Johnson gives the events and personalities of India in 1947, he is expressing not his own views, but Lord Mountbatten's.

Thus, for the first time, we are given a clear insight into the emotions of Britain's first Viceroy and the new State of India's first Governor-General.

He seemed to view the whole Indian problem as a naval operation. A ship had to be docked on time. He was the man to do it. Any one who interfered with his light, personally-imposed time schedule was a nuisance.

Mr. Jinnah, President of the Moslem League, was such a man. Hatred for Jinnah oozes through the book. Not once is a kind word spoken of him. Jinnah was frigid, Jinnah was haughty, Jinnah refused to succumb to the personal charm of Lord Mountbatten. Jinnah insisted upon putting the safety and security of his own people before the need for a swift and tidy settlement which could be parcelled up with glory.

Jinnah was an irritating fellow.

So frank

NOW, NEHRU was different. Here was a delightfully sociable tea-drinking fellow who occasionally walked backwards to strengthen his calf muscles.

Nebru was fully conscious of the honour paid to India by the arrival of Mountbatten, and fully aware too of Mountbatten's magnificence.

After one of his first interviews with the Viceroy it was Nebru who said, "Now I know what they mean when they speak of your charm being so dangerous!"

Could anything be wrong with a man who possessed such admirable frankness? Campbell-Johnson evidently thinks not. His attachment to Nebru becomes second only to his adulation for Mountbatten.

So Nebru, the man who grabbed Moslem Kashmir and who even now still holds it by force, is presented as a happy, peace-loving humanitarian.

Master?

SOME awkward questions are left in the reader's mind. DID MOUNTBATTEN charm Nebru or was it the other way around?



"They might have told me they were going to build an A-bomb plant opposite before they let me buy my own house."

London Express Service

GUNS AND BUTTER DREAM ENDS

By O. H. BRANDON

WASHINGTON. AMERICANS, to their great surprise, are now learning that the United States rearmament programme is lagging badly. They have learned to be so confident in the production capacity of America's gigantic industries that they shake their heads incredulously.

They are forgetting that the United States Government is attempting something which even such a rich country cannot accomplish without experiencing setbacks.

The United States, at the outset of the rearmament programme, decided to have both guns and butter. Civilian production was to be curtailed as little as possible and defence production was to concentrate, in the first place, on expanding production lines, rather than turning out big quantities of war materials immediately.

THE idea to have both guns and butter seemed, certainly in the beginning, the most palatable way of selling rearmament to the American public. But once the U.S. began to syphon vast quantities of raw materials out of the world markets, it caused havoc everywhere.

At the same time Congress was more easily convinced that rearmament was necessary than high taxation, which had to be decided on simultaneously, to avoid inflation.

In the face of these developments, officials here have reluctantly come to recognise that their dream of guns and butter could not go on. Now they are wide awake to the dislocations which are threatening the West's entire rearmament effort.

Nevertheless, it will not be easy for the United States Government to cut heavily into the butter. There is an election next year and no party in power wants, at such a time, to make life really austere.

Thus, in the first quarter of 1952, can manufac-

turers will still be able to produce about 1,000,000 cars, against 1,600,000 per quarter in 1950. Refrigerator and washing-machine makers are still getting 50 percent of the steel and 35 percent of copper and aluminium they obtained before the Korean war started, and the same applies to radio-television producers.

MEANWHILE, the Budget deficit by the end of the fiscal year will be approximately 7.5 billion dollars, and there is no prospect of Congress voting higher taxes. The Government has been given greater powers to freeze prices and profits, but there are enough loopholes to undermine their effectiveness.

Again, workers are getting restive and are preparing for another, the sixth, round for higher wages. Clearly, inflation has not been halted yet.

With the rearmament programme behind schedule, it was not easy for the U.S. joint chiefs of staff to agree to General Eisenhower's new plan, to divert military equipment already earmarked for American divisions to Europe.

The risk involved is that while American troops will, for some time longer, remain under-equipped, the new equipment going to Europe could fall into the hands of the Russians if they attacked tomorrow.

But in the last few months there has been a revolution in military thinking here. The reason: tactical atomic weapons. It means, according to the experts, that the West's defences can be held with few troops if the latter are really fully equipped.

TACTICAL atomic weapons will force the attacker to disperse and thus Russia's most formidable weapon, mass assault, will be blunted. For this reason, Eisenhower wants 30 battle-worthy divisions as soon as possible.

This will probably delay the original goal of 60 divisions by the end of 1954, but it is pre-

sent calculations are reliable the long-range plans will also be trimmed.

All this sounds encouraging, but if NATO is going to rely on tactical atomic weapons for its first defence, more aeroplanes will be needed. All other ways of delivery of the atomic weapons are still in the experimental stage. The aeroplane, therefore, remains for some time to come the most effective carrier.

But aeroplane production is the most stubborn bottleneck. The prospects of speeding up aircraft production here are not too good. General Norstad, who commands the American air forces in Europe, was scheduled to have eight air groups by November 1 of this year. So far he has only four.

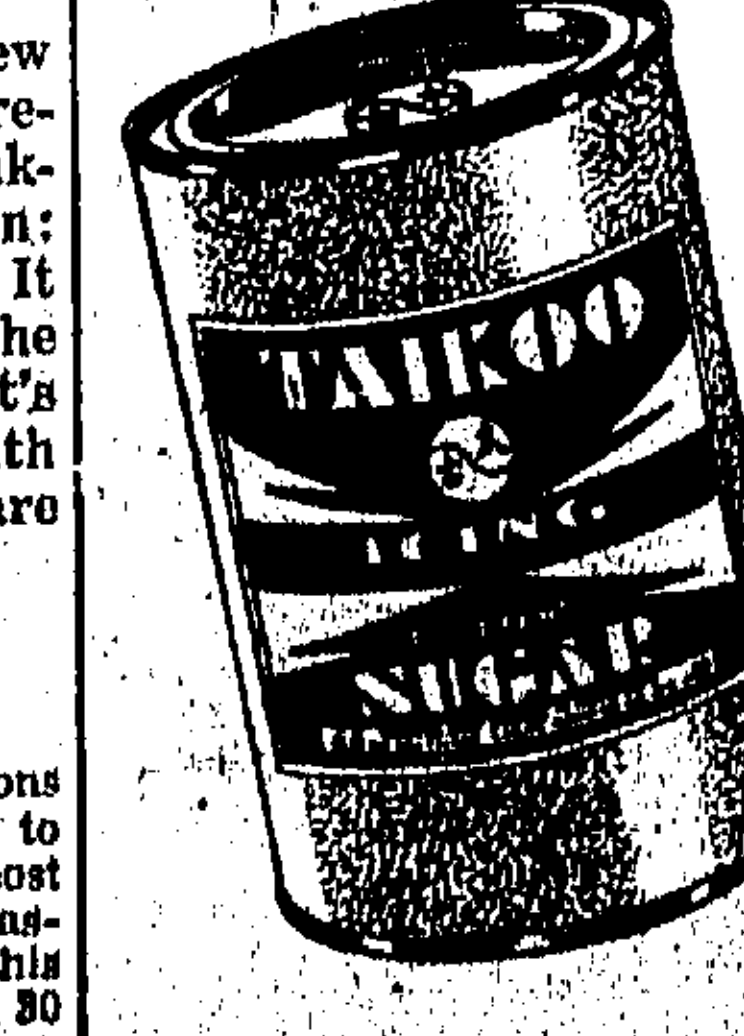
Exact aircraft production figures are not available here, but the monthly rate last summer was said to have been 1,000 planes. No doubt, in the next few months, this figure will rise rapidly.

WHEN the Korean war began the American aircraft industry employed 250,000 workers. Now employment has risen to 600,000. Comparisons with figures in the last war are futile. Today's planes are so complicated that they take much more time to build.

As was indicated in a recent speech by General Bradley, the Pentagon has decided to cut heavily on conventional arms in the next year, and will concentrate on investing the bulk of its funds into aircraft and atomic weapon development.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Champion Shows Why He's An Expert

By OSWALD JACOBY

DAVE Claren is a leading bridge expert. Today's hand, in which he was declared, will give you some idea of why he is so highly thought of.

West opened the king of hearts, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer next took the king and ace of trumps, drawing to his suit.

In view of the fact that there was a nasty-looking diamond situation, the slam seemed shaky at this point.

Claren reasoned that West had at least six hearts for a viable overcall. Since West was marked with three spades, he was bound to be short in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore tested the ace of diamonds and took a low diamond.

NORTH (D)			5
♠ K 7 4 2			
♥ A 10			
♦ K 8 4			
♣ A 8 5 3			
WEST			EAST
♠ Q 8 6			♥ J
♥ K Q J 7 6 5 4			♠ 9 3 2
♦ Q 3			♥ J 10 5 2
♣ A 2			♠ J 10 9 7 6
SOUTH			
♠ A 10 8 5 3			
♥ 8			
♦ A 9 7 6			
♣ K Q 4			
East-West vul			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥ K

toward dummy. If West had a singleton diamond, he would be given no chance to ruff a winner. As it happened, West followed suit, and South got back to work by ruffing dummy's remaining heart.

South continued by taking the king of clubs and leading a low club towards dummy. West saw no advantage in ruffing so he discarded a heart. Dummy won with the ace of clubs and three West in with a trump.

This play not only forced West to give up a trump but also cleared the way for a heart finesse.

When West led a heart, dummy discarded a diamond and South ruffed. This left South with two diamonds and the queen of clubs while dummy had two clubs and a trump. What three cards could you East save?

If East saved only one club, Claren could take the queen of clubs and win the last two tricks in dummy with a club and a trump. If East saved only one diamond, Claren could ruff a diamond in dummy and then take the queen of clubs with the queen of clubs to cash the last diamond.

♥ CARD SENSE ♥

Q The bidding has been North-South Pass. West 1 Diamond. South 2 West 3. North 3.2. Diamonds. A-J. Clubs. A-K. 10. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. The jump response shows a hand that contains high cards in excess of a minimum opening no-trump bid—of good distribution in high cards, and a few high cards are just about equal to a minimum no-trump, and your extra strength consists of a fine fit for diamonds, the length in spades, and the doubler in a side suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Q The bidding has been North-South Pass. You South bid 2 Diamonds. A-J. Clubs. A-K. 10. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THRENODY

By T. O. HARE

"My darling, I never a

"Who could well as she?

"Over and over, and

"long summer through,

"her thoughts were all for

me.

So writes an eighteenth-

century threnodist.

The missing words are the

components of a five-lettered

Word Square.

London Express Service.

(Answers on Page 10)

• BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

THE high cost of living has made many a young man prune his dates.

Among the seasonal sports are football, bowling and those

teen-agers who are just starting to date.

The average man has 60 pounds of muscle and 3.3 pounds of brain, according to a physician. Maybe that explains a lot of things.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What flower is sometimes called the "mosses flower"?

2. Who was known as the "mollusk painter"?

3. Define petrology.

4. Name the chief product of Hawaii.

5. What is supposed to be the most important word in the English language?

6. Who discovered penicillin?

7. What is the name of the

planet nearest to Earth?

8. What is the name of the

planet farthest from Earth?

9. What is the name of the

planet that is closest to the

Sun?

10. What is the name of the

planet that is farthest from

the Sun?

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planet that is closest to the

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12. What is the name of the

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Sun?

14. What is the name of the

planet that is farthest from

the Sun?

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

TOMORROW C. Suet, Esq., issues his Six Point Programme for Price Stabilisation. The document is based on a cumulative stimulation of over-all efficiency, designed to check producer resistance and to encourage consumer inquiries, by narrowing the gap between demand and supply in such a manner as to promote resale price maintenance.

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Man barks at dog

THE other day a woman complained to the police that a man was annoying her dog by barking at it. I hope that any day now when she passes that man's house, she will

be able to draw the dog's attention to a notice saying: "Beware of Man." And in time the man will become more tractable, and will rush out and lick the dog's face in a friendly manner.

The Hidden Rhinoceros (III)

THE Lost Property Office in King's Road, London, has been converted into the Lost Scientific Office. Here disappearing scientists were kept until no claimant had appeared. In one of the rooms, the Director of Lost Scientifics sat at his desk. He was a tall, thin man with a silver hammer and sickle in his button-hole. Round his waist were the words "World Peace." The Director, Suetonhatty, was a wary man. To test his vigilance he had a rule: Britannia! The Englishman—for it was Driftwood-Dawkins, of M. I.—hummed back "The Red Flag." After this exchange of intellectual subtleties, Suetonhatty appeared to be reassured. "What have you brought from England?" he queried the interpreter, Smith. "This," said the refugee, and produced a sausage. "It is poisonous," he added, but saw Suetonhatty's face darken as he ate an ill-timed jest.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, your combination of brightness and the ability to introduce and get original ideas accepted almost instantly is one of the keys to your success. You like to make plans on a large scale, you dislike petty details, always despatching that to others. Just make sure that those you trust do not take advantage of your faith in them and upset your true desires.

Outwardly you have a gay and charming personality but secretly you are inclined to worry about things. You like to try out new ideas but you also like to please people. But every time you make something you worry that it won't work out and that it will irritate them. If you let this trait conquer you, you will find yourself going on circles getting nowhere very fast. Worry will lead to mental depression and then directly to physical illness. Stay

you, psychosomatics is a very real thing. There is something of the mystic in your nature and you are inclined to trust your hunches a little too much. Don't let yourself become superstitious. Rationalise the fact that it might be bad luck to go under a painter's ladder simply because he might drop paint on a new hat.

Your interest in the betterment of mankind might draw you into politics. Your liberal ideas probably will mark you as a person of originality. Be sure to keep your ideas high. You have a strong emotional nature, but your head rules your heart in romance. You will probably marry advantageously. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22). The day for doing just-minute Christmas shopping. Time is now very short indeed.

ARBITROR (Dec. 23-Jan. 20). Be on your guard against accidents of travelling. A little extra caution will put you home safe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). This may be a day to finish up all of odd jobs you have left undone. Get an early start.

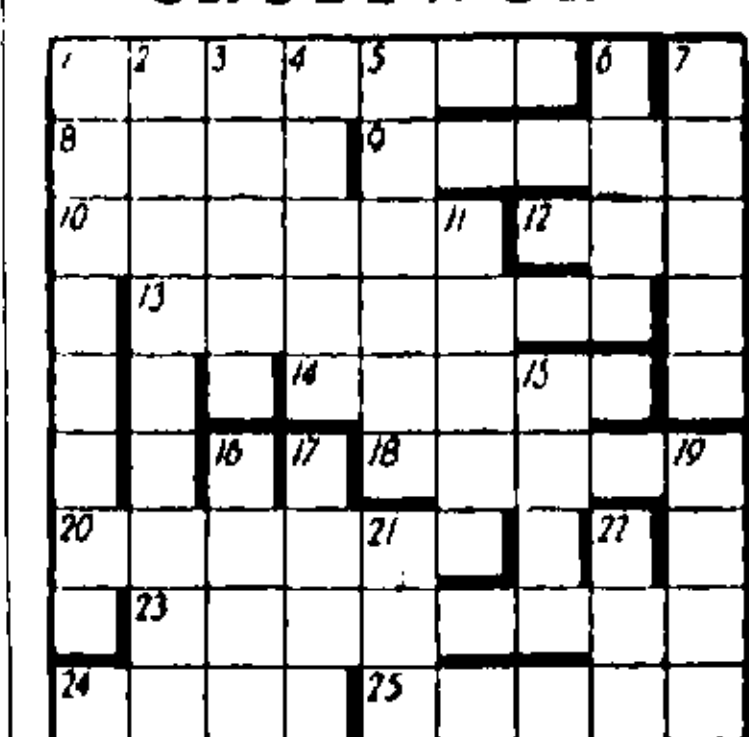
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20). Finish up your Christmas shopping. You will need all your time to complete your Christmas plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20). A matter important to your future is being considered. Consult now. Use your best judgment.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21). Combativeness will not win you point today. Patience and diplomacy are the best weapons to use.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21). If weedy partner may be able to contribute to the solution of a financial or budget problem.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Where true sap is produced. (7)
- A literary miscellany. (4)
- Begin again. (6)
- Heel of a horse's shoe. (6)
- Where many drivers begin. (8)
- Genuine substance from distilled water of cloves. (7)
- Assemble at the production of many young sparrows. (6)
- Coast from the opera. (6)
- The study of birds' eggs. (6)
- Part of a poem in red. (8)
- This needless waste includes a large knife. (4)
- Nothing divides the doctor from two directions. (6)

Down

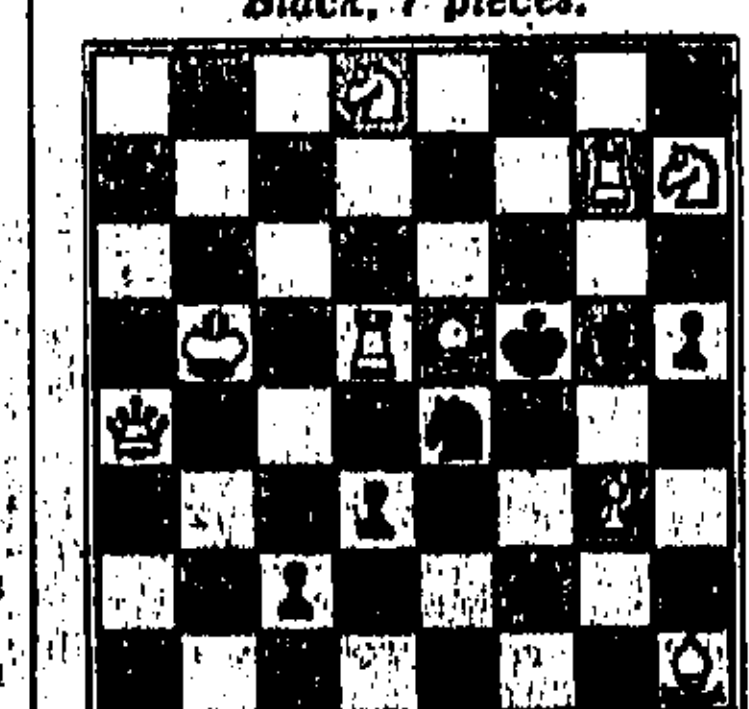
- It depends on the situation. (8)
- In the Alps, cowboys use one. (8)
- Indian tribe. (6)
- Nag to pull a two wheeled cart. (6)
- Call for attention at once. (6)
- The prices are usually low. (6)
- How we see the tulip. (6)
- The concluding part of a book may suggest a messenger. (8)
- Wife and sister of Osiris. (4)
- Disorder. (4)
- Man in the hat? (4)
- A dim may be cast by him. (4)
- Ruby is one. (8)
- Agreeable word. (8)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Orange; 2. Hint; 3. Rhodium; 4. Moss; 5. Outcrop; 6. Outcrop; 7. Imp; 8. Seed; 9. Dated; 10. Role; 11. Down; 12. Jaxxon; 13. Gopher; 14. Far; 15. Star; 16. Orange; 17. Star; 18. Dancer; 19. Deuce; 20. Ace; 21. Tool; 22. Pin; 23. Ue.

Chess Problem

By A. CHICO

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play, mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-B2, 2. Q-B3, 3. R-B3 (ch).

1. K-B2, 2. Q-B3, 3. R-B3 (ch).

1. K-B2, 2. Q-B3, 3. R-B3 (ch).

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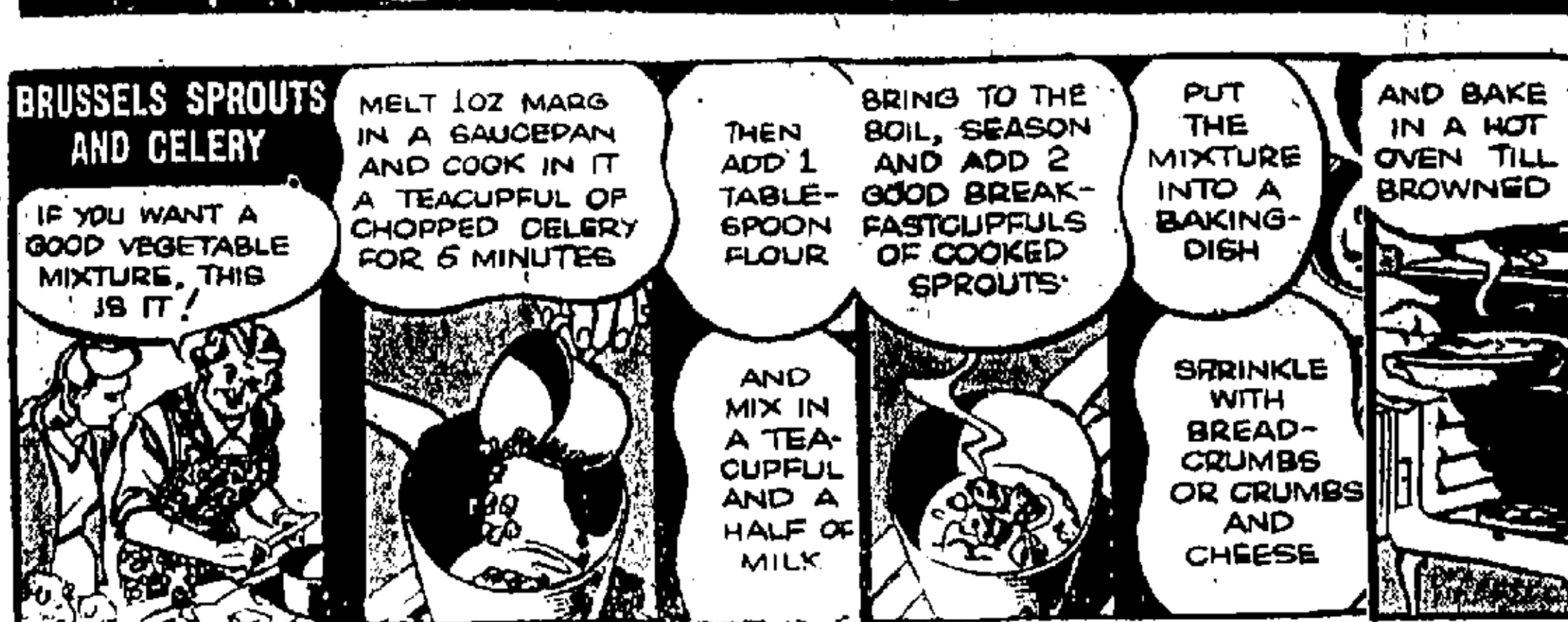
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1. K-B2, 2. Q-B3, 3. R-B3 (ch).

1. K-B2, 2. Q-B3, 3. R-B3 (ch).

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Happiness

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions, the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable and genial feeling.

(Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

Call for the grandest of all earthly spectacles, what is that? It is the sun going to his rest. Call for the grandest of all human sentiments, what is that? It is that man should forget his anger before he lies down to sleep.

(Thomas de Quincey)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Hears a Strange Song

—It's About a Hammer Who Had a Nail—

By MAX TRELL

"LAST night," said Knarf, the shadow-box with the turn-of-lamb name, to his sister, Hamid, "while you were asleep, I had a very strange kind of adventure."

"You did?" said Hamid, who was busy reading a book and wasn't really paying much attention to what her brother was saying. "That's fine."

Might Be A Dream

"Maybe," he said, "you won't think it was as strange as I did. But I'll tell it to you anyway and you can make up your own mind. The strangest part of it is that I'm not really sure that it happened, I might have just dreamed it."

Knarf paused for a moment and smiled. Then he began: "I was sitting in a corner of the tool-shed, for I had decided to sleep there last night instead of in the children's room as I usually do. Well, it must have been about midnight when I heard footsteps going tap-tap-tap. It didn't sound like the cat or the dog or like a mouse or a squirrel. I looked as hard as I could, I couldn't see anything. The tool-shed was much too dark."

"And then," said Knarf, "all of a sudden I heard some little voices singing."

"Singing?" said Hamid in surprise. "What were they singing?"

"A long song, Hamid. It was about a Nail and a Hammer. Would you like to hear the words? I remember them all!" Hamid nodded and said she would, so Knarf began:

Oh, once there was a pretty Nail
With large and shining head,
Who met a handsome hammer
And soon the two were wed.

"Now I will build a lovely house
For you and me," said
Hammer,
"If you will hold the boards
in place,
And so did Hammer slam her."

"Indeed it is a lovely house,"
The Hammer sighed and
said,
"But oh my Nail, my pretty
Nail,
"I can only see your head!"

"My goodness!" said Hamid.
"What a terrible thing!"
"Wait a minute," said Knarf.
"There's more."

And so he pulled his Nailie
out,
And dressed her in a gown;
And then they heard an
awful roar
And the house came tum-
bling down.

Knarf stopped. "That's all," he said to Hamid.
"I still think it's terrible," said Hamid. "I don't mean that the poem, or the song is terrible (though it isn't very good). It's what the poem is about."

Wasn't Hammer's Fault

"But Hamid, it wasn't really the Hammer's fault. He didn't



Hamid asked Knarf about his adventure.

mean to hurt her. I don't think he hurt her at all by slamming her in the boards of the house. That's what hammers are always doing to nails."

"I know," said Hamid.
"And when he pulled her out again, the whole house fell down."

"I wonder what they did after that?" Hamid said thoughtfully.
"I don't know, except that I suppose they both lived in a tool-shed."

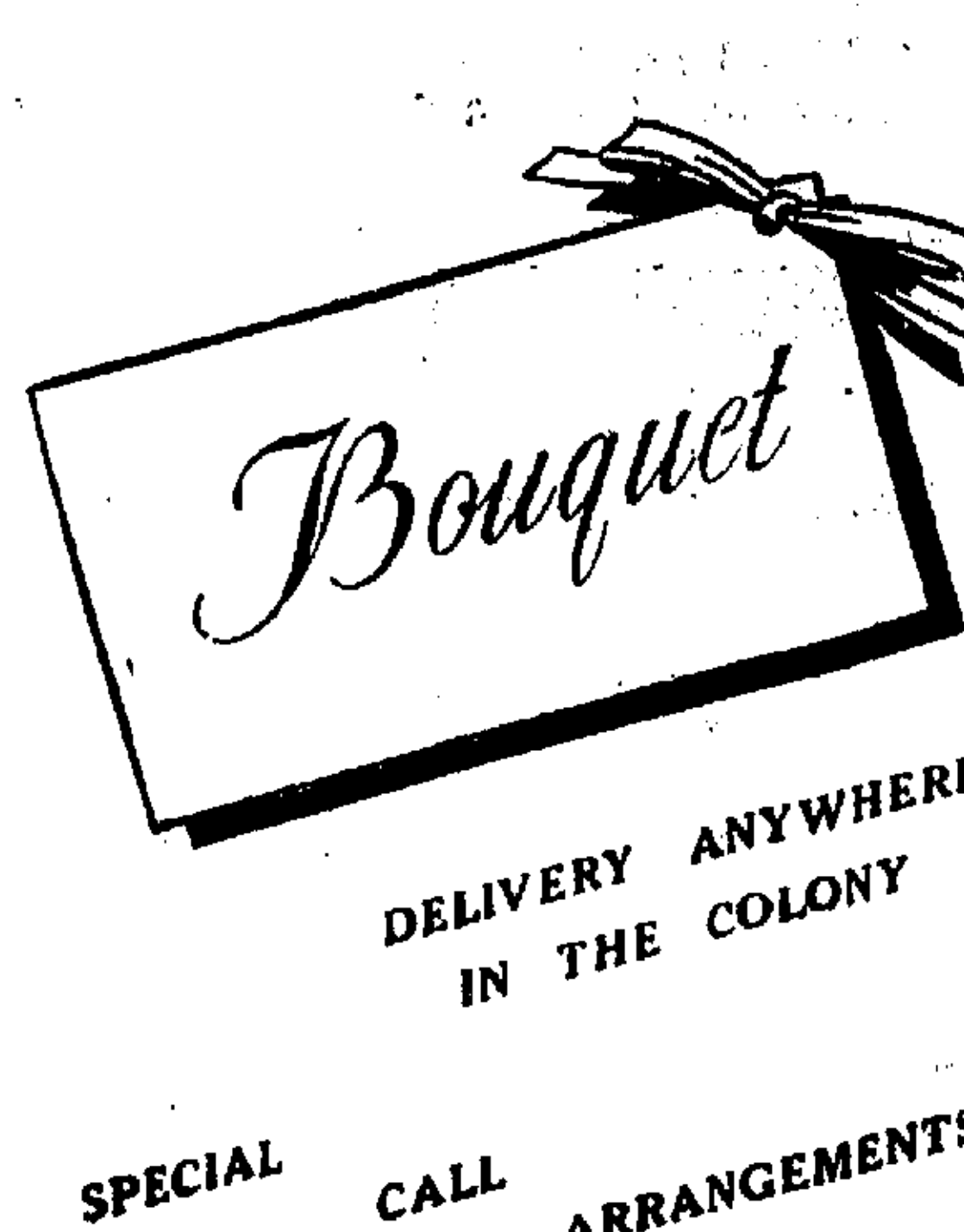
Hamid suddenly remembered something. "Did you ever see who was singing the song, Knarf?"

"No," replied Knarf, "but I think it must have been the nails. They had very sharp voices."

And Hamid, after thinking about this for a moment or two, decided that Knarf was probably right. "It was certainly a strange kind of adventure all right," she agreed.

Then she smiled and went back to reading her book.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING 1951

AND
FIRST RACE MEETING 1952

Saturday 29th December 1951 and Tuesday 1st January 1952
(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 13th Race Meeting 1951, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. On the 1st Race Meeting 1952, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. The Tiffin Interval will be after the 4th Race (1.30 p.m.) at this Meeting.

There will be 8 races at the 13th Race Meeting 1951 on the 29th December, and 10 races at the 1st Race Meeting 1952 on the 1st January.

Through Tickets at \$16 for the 13th Race Meeting 1951, and \$20 for the 1st Race Meeting 1952 may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 18th February, 1952.

TICKETS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR A SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THE 1ST RACE MEETING ON 1ST JANUARY 1952. THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THE 13TH RACE MEETING ON 29TH DECEMBER, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for both of the above Meetings but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 28th December, 1951, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

1. D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies as declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all charges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

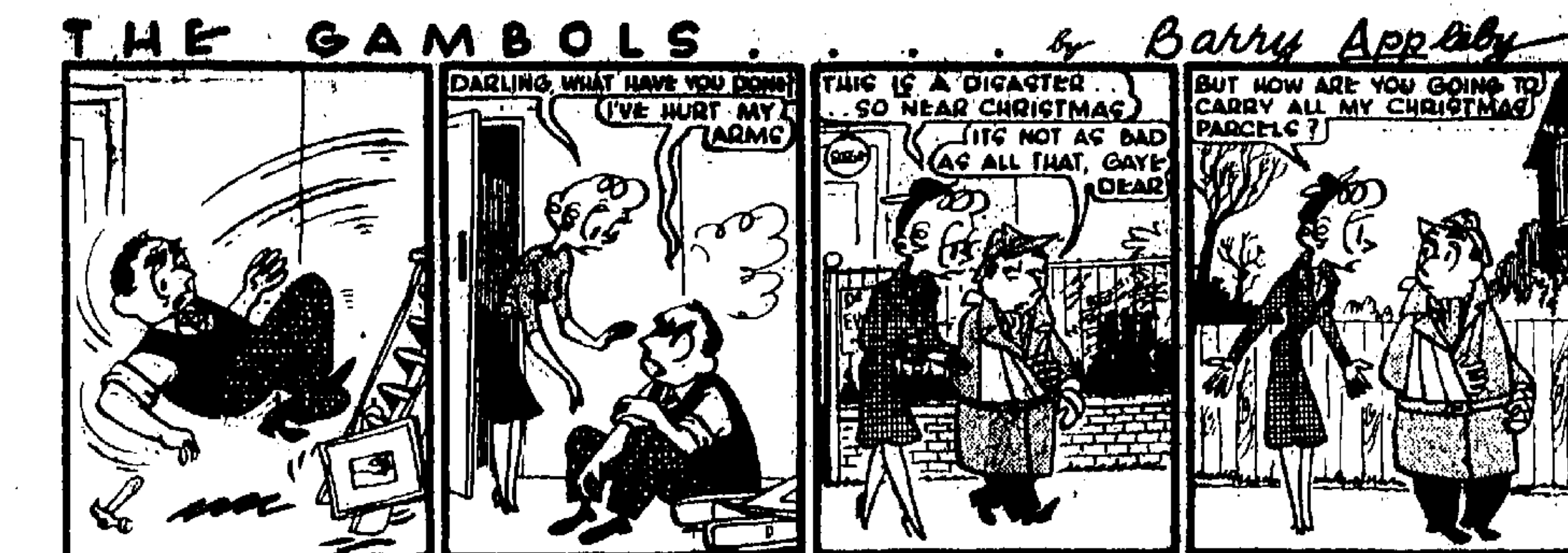
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MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and in the Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Office Room, Box holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants are not only of the Public Betting Hall, Military Police, but also at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.



TWO AUSTRALIANS JOIN THE EMPIRE'S GREATEST EVER PARADE OF MILERS

By "RECORDER"

Two Australians have joined the Empire's greatest ever parade of outstanding mile runners. Up to a year ago only 10 Empire milers were listed as having beaten 4 minutes 12 seconds for the mile, only four had ever beaten 4:10. This year eight have beaten 4:12, six have gone under 4:10. The Empire can present half-a-dozen outstanding challengers for the 1,500 Metres championship at Helsinki.

The Australians have always lagged behind the other Commonwealth countries in the quality of their distance runners. They are still behind New Zealand, who have produced Jack Lovelock, Cecil Matthews, Vernon Boal and Bill Savilian among others.

The new Australian season, however, started with a new mile record, 21-year-old John Landy, a Melbourne University student, bringing the mark down to 4 minutes 14.6 seconds. Schoolboys can take encouragement from the fact that Landy couldn't beat 4:45 in school.

Two weeks later Landy came up against Don Macmillan, who had just won 4:12.7 in New Zealand. The two reeled off the fastest 1,500 Metres run in Australian history, Macmillan being timed in 3:51.8 and Landy in 3:52.8, both qualifying for Olympic selection by beating the officially set minimum standard of 3:53.0.

Macmillan continued to the mile mark in 4 minutes 9 seconds. Landy stopped at the 1,500-metre mark, changed his mind and ran on to finish in 4:18. Had he not stopped, he could have been under 4:11. Les Perry, a three-miler, finished second in 4:15.

Perry a week earlier had set a new Australian record of 14 minutes 16.4 seconds for three miles and is set to qualify for the trip to Helsinki.

Macmillan finished with a last quarter of 59 seconds. He is 24 and 6 feet 3 inches tall, which makes him the biggest class mile runner in the world. Besides Macmillan and Landy, two other Australians have qualified for the Olympic team. Peter Gardner going over the high hurdle in 14.4 seconds and John Vernon clearing 6 feet 4 inches in the high jump.

The new South African season has produced no outstanding mark other than a 53.7-second effort over the low hurdles by P. Greyling of Orange Free State. However, no fewer than 12 South Africans have already beaten 49 seconds for 440 yards and competition in this event is going to be very keen.

The best performances by Empire athletes this year follow:

100 YARDS
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) 9.8
Dave Sandler (S. Africa) 9.7
John Treloar (Australia) 9.7

220 YARDS
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) 20.9
George Rhoden (Jamaica) 21.1
Herb McKenley (Jamaica) 21.2
John Wilkinson (Jamaica) 21.3
Bill de Gruchy (Australia) 21.5
John Bartram (Australia) 21.6
John Bullock (Australia) 21.6
John Treloar (Australia) 21.6
Nick Stacey (England) 21.6
Edwin Carr (Australia) 21.6
Norris McWhirter (Scotland) 21.6

440 YARDS
George Rhoden (Jamaica) 44.3
Herb McKenley (Jamaica) 44.4
Arthur Wint (Jamaica) 47.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa) 47.5
Louis van Bijl (S. Africa) 47.5

880 YARDS
Arthur Wint (Jamaica) 1:49.6
Harry Parlett (England) 1:51.6
Jim Hutchins (Canada) 1:52.1
Bill Parnell (Canada) 1:52.7
A. Webster (England) 1:52.8
Roger Bannister (England) 1:52.9
Frank Evans (England) 1:53.2
Tom White (England) 1:53.5
Ron Morley (England) 1:53.8
Don Macmillan (Australia) 1:54.3
I.D.C. Gurney (England) 1:54.6
E. K. Robinson (England) 1:54.6

1 MILE
Roger Bannister (England) 4:07.4
Bill Nankeville (England) 4:08.6
Don McEwen (Canada) 4:09.0
Don Macmillan (Australia) 4:09.0
Harry Parlett (England) 4:09.2
Bill Parnell (Canada) 4:09.6
Len Eyre (England) 4:10.8
Alan Parker (England) 4:11.4
Chris Chatway (England) 4:12.0
Ron Morley (England) 4:13.6
Frank Evans (England) 4:14.0
Doug Pirie (England) 4:14.4

THREE MILES
Roy Beckett (England) 14:02.8
Chris Chatway (England) 14:02.8
D.H.G. Pirie (England) 14:03.0
Alan Parker (England) 14:04.4
H.J. Hicks (England) 14:10.0
Philip Morgan (England) 14:12.4
R.F. Robins (England) 14:13.8
Alec Olney (England) 14:15.0
A.S. Forbes (Scotland) 14:15.0
Len Eyre (England) 14:16.4
Les Perry (Australia) 14:16.4

HIGH HURDLES
Peter Gardner (Australia) 14.0
Ray Weinberg (Australia) 14.1
Bill Steward (Canada) 14.4
Ian de Jongh (S. Africa) 14.7
Ken Doubleday (Australia) 14.7
Charlie Green (Australia) 14.8
Nico De Wet (S. Africa) 14.8
Peter Hildreth (England) 14.8
F.J. Parker (England) 14.8
Donald Finlay (England) 14.8
John Holland (N. Zealand) 14.9

LOW HURDLES
John Holland (N. Zealand) 52.8
Geoff Goodacre (Australia) 53.6
Harry Parlett (England) 53.7
P. Greyling (S. Africa) 53.7
George Gedge (Australia) 53.8
Angus Scott (England) 54.2
F.J. Parker (England) 55.2
J. Davis (England) 55.5
D. K. Gracie (Scotland) 55.5
W. H. Clephan (England) 55.6
Danny Boon (Australia) 55.8
J. G. M. Hart (Scotland) 56.9

HIGH JUMP
Alan Paterson (Scotland) 6.6
N. B. Ossie (Nigeria) 6.5
Ron Pavitt (England) 6.5
Ian de Jongh (S. Africa) 6.4
J. O. Majekodunmi (Nigeria) 6.4
John Vernon (Australia) 6.4
Peter Wells (England) 6.4
Doug Stuart (Australia) 6.4
Norman Gregor (Scotland) 6.3
D. Blair (Canada) 6.3

POLE VAULT
Norman Gregor (Scotland) 13.6
Andreas Burger (S. Africa) 13.3
G. M. Elliott (England) 13.0
Peter Denton (Australia) 12.9
Tim Anderson (England) 12.8
C. Brigham (Canada) 12.7
Bruce Peever (Australia) 12.7
B. Blommar (S. Africa) 12.6
George Broad (England) 12.6
N. E. C. Dear (England) 12.0
R. Pottinger (England) 12.0

LONG JUMP
Dennis Hassenlanger (S. Africa) 24.6
I.G.H. Walker (England) 24.2
Sylvanus Williams (Nigeria) 24.1
K.A.B. Clement (Nigeria) 23.8
Hugh Jack (Australia) 23.7
H. E. Astrew (England) 23.6
P.A. Whaley (England) 23.5
A.R. Cruickshank (England) 23.5
George Broad (England) 23.5
M. Darlow (England) 23.0

SHOT PUT
Peter Cox (Australia) 40.6
S.E. Cross (Australia) 40.6
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DISCUS THROW
John Reed (Australia) 157.9
H. I. Duguid (Scotland) 155.3
Mark Parashov (England) 150.8
John Savidge (England) 148.9
Bob Adams (Canada) 146.3
S. du Plessis (S. Africa) 143.1
A. W. Sibum (England) 142.1
J. H. Drummond (Scotland) 141.0
T. H. Barratt (England) 140.1
James Rases (Australia) 140.4
E. J. H. Brewer (England) 138.1
A. Jansons (England) 137.1
ALEXIS THROW
Alexis Hells (Australia) 208.8
J. Velth (S. Africa) 199.7
M. J. W. Dalrymple (England) 199.6
M. J. Denley (England) 197.4
Colin Murraylee (Australia) 196.6
W. F. Wall (England) 193.3
A. F. Hignell (England) 189.4
J. Achurch (Australia) 189.3
G. N. M. Fisher (Scotland) 188.1
J. Redgate (England) 188.0
HAMMER THROW
D. McD. Clark (Australia) 180.8
E. C. K. Douglas (Scotland) 179.10
P. C. Allday (England) 173.3
J. Dreyer (S. Africa) 162.8
C. J. Reidy (N. Ireland) 158.8
Keith Allen (Australia) 158.4
Keith Pardon (Australia) 158.2
A. R. Valentine (England) 157.3
Neville Gadsden (Australia) 156.4
D. N. J. Cullum (England) 156.2
D. Anthony (England) 151.1

SOFTBALL
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Peter Wilson Says

Let's Abolish The Word 'Amateur' At The Next Olympics

In 56 days the Winter Olympics will start at Oslo... and 156 days later the XVth Olympiad proper begins in Helsinki.

At the opening ceremony for both the Winter and Summer Games a famous athlete from each competing nation will mount the rostrum and take the following Olympic Oath:—

"We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honour of our country and for the glory of sport."

Furthermore, no doubt, in a prominent place, will be displayed the ideal of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who revived the Olympic Games in 1896, which reads:—

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."

High sounding words: Fine sentiments! Noble, lofty aspirations! And alas, so much hokey!

Much as I regret to say this, I believe the time has come to abolish the very word "amateur."

LOST ITS MEANING

It has lost all its original meaning, and I do not believe that one athlete in ten from some of the Continental countries—and I suspect from Russia—could put their hands on their hearts and swear that they were deriving no financial benefit from their status as Olympic stars.

Great Britain on the whole will probably be the most purely amateur nation in the Olympiad, and that is at least one reason why our successes in the recent Games have been so frequent.

As someone who takes a lively interest in this problem put it to me the other day: "Conditions have so changed throughout the world that amateurism is in most cases impossible and in all cases improbable."

In the Winter Games our athletes—for the most part restricted to those few people wealthy enough to afford brief winter sporting holidays abroad—will have to compete against the top professionals from countries where ski-ing and similar activities are virtually national games. The foreigners will be known as "ski teachers."

In the Soccer, which is part of the Summer Olympics, we shall send a team of pure (more or less) amateurs, whereas it has already been suggested that the Austrian team which drew with the full professional might of England may represent their country.

TENNIS LEAD

Last week lawn tennis gave the lead in the war on "shamateurism"—that unlovely word which was largely coined in connection with the tennis racket.

Viscount Templewood, the president of the Lawn Tennis Association, announced that a special committee has been appointed by the Lawn Tennis Association to see how far help can be given to really promising young players to continue to play first-class tennis.

The main competition was won by J. Mould, who returned a net score of 57. F.D. Hunter and D. L. Prophet tied for second place, returning a net 54. The novices' competition was won by W. A. P. Thom, who returned a gross score of 54 for nine holes.

The winners were presented with prizes as mementos of the occasion by the President, Mr D. Black.

CCC TENNIS

The following tennis matches in the Craykepower Cricket Club Intra-Club Championships will be played at Happy Valley on Saturday, December 22:

Singles Championship (semi-final): R. O. Baker v Joseph Hui, Nov. 1, Court 2, 3.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles: Handicap (final): B. W. Gray and Mrs. I. P. v A. M. L. Soares and P. V. Tap, Nov. 2, Court 3, 3 p.m.

ARGENTINE WILL NOT COMPLETE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20. Argentina will not compete in the Olympic football games at Helsinki according to the Argentine Football Association. It said that, among other arguments, it was difficult to determine whether many of the Argentine players were professional or amateur according to international rules. (United Press.)

TODAY'S SPORT

BASEBALL
Chicago White Sox v Cleveland Indians, 2:15 p.m.
New York Yankees v Boston Red Sox, 7:15 p.m.
St. Louis Cardinals v Philadelphia Phillies, 8:15 p.m.

FOOTBALL
England v Scotland, 3:00 p.m.
Ireland v Wales, 5:00 p.m.

CRICKET
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COMING in the CHINA MAIL



The first article of a weekly instructional series on the game of cricket by the former Surrey and England all-rounder, "All" Gover, will appear in to-morrow's China Mail.

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SHIPS	TO	DATE
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1. Receiving the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September 1951.

2. Electing two Directors.

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The Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders will be closed as from 19th December to 24th December 1951, both days inclusive.

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5 NATIONS

Paris, Dec. 20.—The five nations today proposed a three-man committee to help India, Pakistan, Ceylon, South Africa, to negotiate the settlement of Indians in South Africa.

The proposal was made in a statement submitted to the United Nations' Special Political Committee by the Indian delegation.

The committee was sponsored by India, Pakistan, Ceylon, South Africa, and the United Nations.

The committee was to be headed by a member of the United Nations' Special Political Committee.

The committee was to be composed of three members, one from each of the five nations.

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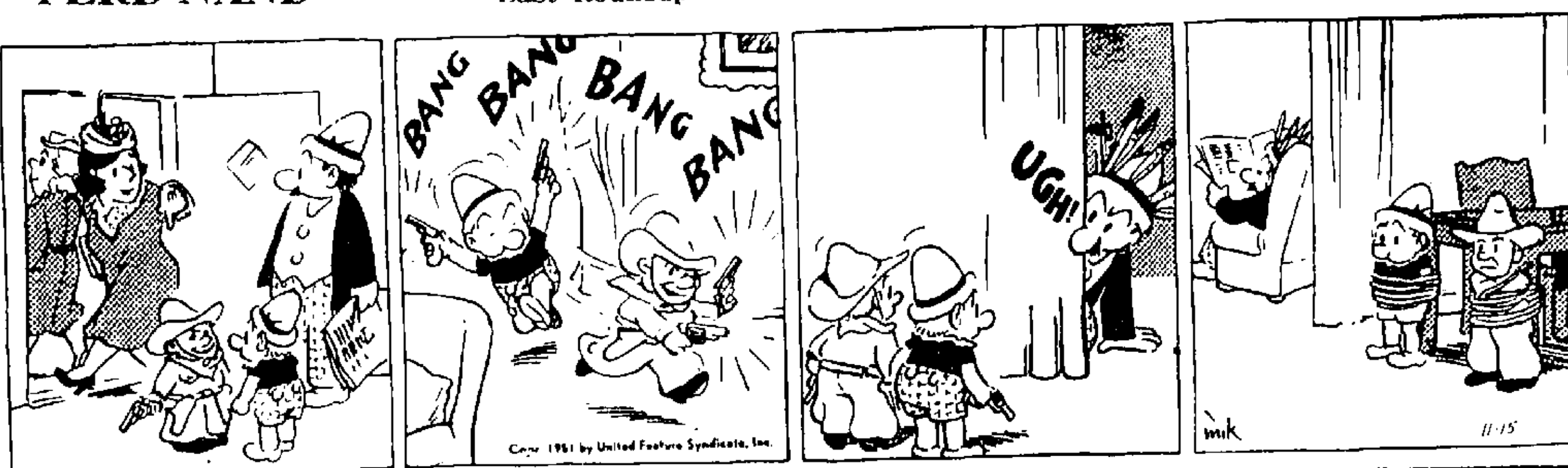
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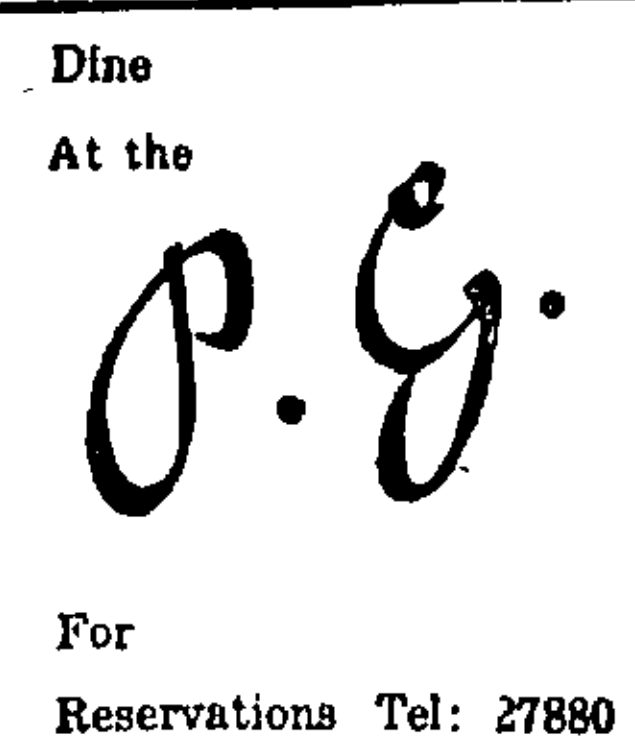
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Congressman's Views On Indo-China

Saigon, Dec. 20. Representative Peter Mack, Jr. believes the United Nations would help Indo-China directly in case of attack.

Mr. Mack arrived on Wednesday from Bangkok in a private plane on his world goodwill tour. Asked what he thought would happen if Indo-China were invaded, he told a Press conference:

"I think the United Nations would intervene effectively to halt an invasion."

However, he added, "I still believe in peaceful settlement when possible of the world's big political problems by means of conferences rather than fighting."

In regard to Asiatic nationalism, Mr. Mack favoured in principle moves toward independence "if the country in question is sufficiently strong and capable of maintaining and defending its independence."

Mr. Mack will leave for Manila on Friday. — United Press.

Europe Defence Measures

Washington, Dec. 20. The Mutual Security Act Administrator, Mr. Averell Harriman, told the Press today that the revised plan of action of NATO would result in 1952 in a substantial increase of European defence forces.

The plan would confer additional responsibilities upon General Dwight Eisenhower, SHAPE Commander.

Means to implement NATO plans on creation of European defence forces, Mr. Harriman added, would be decided upon next February. In Lisbon, when the Council of NATO next meets. — United Press.



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In Sight In U.S.

Washington, Dec. 20.
United States business activity has been stable for several months, the Department

So far, increases in defence production have done any more than balance the cuts in civilian output. But a big bottleneck in defence work which has b

machine-tools, according to the Defence Mobiliser, Charles Wilson, was being broken.

Machine-tool deliveries rose

16 per cent from September to October, the Department said, with a further rise indicated for November.

There is a two-year backlog of orders. The Department's monthly survey of current business noted several signs of future improve-

This analysis showed that de-

defence manufacturers' investments in new plants and equipment are at peak levels now, while similar investments in non-defence industries are lower

These "fixed" investments are expected to total \$11,141,000,000 this year.

PRICES STABLE

Industrial prices were relatively stable in October and November, the Department said.

following a six-month drop. Wholesale prices have noted the same. Farm prices climbed a little but it was because of bad weather.

ther and seasonal factors which do not affect non - agricultural business.

Heavy basic industries are producing as well as they did for another textile conference. However, up to this writing, formal invitation has been received.

No one is certain at pr

Basic materials with high production reflecting a big demand were steel, other metals, industrial chemicals, crude petro-

Production of major consumer durable goods dipped in October, however, to a point only slightly above last year's level.

mer's low level. Television set production increased. The output of refrigerators, automobiles, stoves and trailers went off.—United Press.

New York, Dec. 10. —
Cocoa was quoted today at 100.000 metric tons of fertilizer had been produced in the United States in 1912.

Cocoa nut oil was quoted at 11 1/2 cents a pound asked.—United Press.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1951.

3 SAILORS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Roydon Stacey, 26, of Pentre, Glamorganshire; Edward Bean, 22, of Aldershot, and William John Henry Toomey, 21, of Paddington, all able seamen of HMS Alacrity, charged with robbery by two or more, were committed for trial by Mr Horace Lo at Central this morning.

According to the Prosecution, Wong Fui-in, driver of a taxi, was hired by the three accused on November 20 in Chater Road, and was asked to drive to the Peak. At the junction of Stubbs Road and Barker Road, it was alleged, he was told to stop, after which he was assaulted. Hoping they would stop beating him, the taxi driver gave them his wrist watch and \$20.40. A passing Police party arrested the accused.

Formal evidence was given this morning by Det-Sub-Inspector T. Chalmers. All three reserved their defence.

Government Appointments

The following Government appointments were announced in the Gazette this morning: Drs. Kuo Shao-chow, Chen Yik-ping, Lin Shih-hsi, and Philip Wen Chee-mao to be Medical Officers; Mr. G. A. Jarvis to act as Principal Auditor; Mr. D. W. Dunlop to act as Senior Auditor; Mr. Yu Shuk-sui to act as Crown Counsel; and Mr. Young Wing-fai to be an Assistant Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Dr. E. F. Duck, Government Pathologist, has resumed duty and Dr. G. B. Smart has ceased to act in that appointment.

Church Trustees

The Gazette this morning announced that the following have been appointed: the Trustees of the Kowloon Union Church.

Mr. L. Starbuck, the Rev. Frank Short, Mr. J. Grant, Mr. C. G. Smith and Mr. H. Noble.

UN Command Believed Ready To Resume Talks

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

There were official indications here today that the United Nations Command had completed its study of the Communist list of Allied prisoners and was ready to resume negotiations on prisoner exchange at Panmunjom.

It was learned officially that General Matthew Ridgway's Headquarters plan to release this afternoon a statement on the Communist list, in which "glaring discrepancies" including the absence of names previously broadcast by the Red radio as those of prisoners of war, will be noted.

The list was described as generally accurate so far as it went, but it was indicated that thousands of Americans and South Koreans and hundreds of other United Nations troops had either died behind the Communist lines or, less likely in the case of non-Koreans, were deliberately withheld from the list.

Despite dissatisfaction with the Red report of 11,559 UN prisoners against the 132,414 reported by the Allies, the UN Command appeared to have no choice but to accept it under protest as the basis for negotiating an exchange. Time was running out in the race to complete an armistice within the 30-day "sample truce" deadline. The UN Command wants to get its prisoners back home to their families quickly if there is any means of doing so without sacrificing what one official called "basic principles." United Press.

62-YEAR-OLD MAN CHARGED

A 62-year-old man, Silvanus Montague Rumsey, of 616 Tai Po Road, appeared before Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning charged with driving a motor vehicle, No. 528, while under the influence of drink or drugs at Granpian Road, near Ngai Tsin Wei Road in the early hours this morning.

Rumsey was offered bail of \$2,000 and ordered to be remanded for 24 hours in police custody.

FIRE ON SHIP

11 Feared Dead

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 20.

Flames swept the Danish ship Erria at the mouth of the Columbia River on Thursday and eleven persons were feared dead.

The fire broke out in early morning darkness as the ship, bound for Seattle, was clearing weather before crossing the bar into the Pacific Ocean.

The flames spread rapidly and only the nearness of the Coast Guard station prevented the death toll from mounting higher. The Coast Guard directed the rescue of 103 of the 114 aboard.

The other eleven—three crewmen and eight passengers—were feared drowned or trapped aboard the 400-foot vessel.

The search was halted after it was learned that all four lifeboats were accounted for. It was believed at first the missing eleven men might have been aboard the fifth craft. A few Coast Guardsmen climbed onto the fantail of the burning ship after the rescue and reported no signs of life aboard the flaming ship. Associated Press.

Prize-Giving Postponed

A presentation of prizes to the winners and runners-up in the Hongkong Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Service annual competition drills, which was to have taken place at the Central Fire Station this morning, was postponed until a later date due to the fact that a number of firemen were engaged in fire operations at West Point last night.

Mr. W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer, said that many of the firemen had returned to the Station in the early hours of this morning after a strenuous night's work.

An announcement will be made later as to when the prize-giving will take place.

The Gazette announced this morning that HE the Governor has appointed Lt-Col P.W.E.L. Dunsterville, RE, to be a member of the Authorised Architects Consulting Committee vice Lt-Col J.B. Brown, RE, who has resigned.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"But I only stopped a minute! Do you think more of that old fireplug than you do my family's dinner?"

Permission Necessary To Visit Bethlehem

Jerusalem, Dec. 20.

Bethlehem and the grotto of the Manger lie in the Arab territory of Jordan and pilgrims from the Israeli section of Jerusalem now must obtain official permission to visit the birthplace of Christ.

The Israeli authorities have approved applications from 2,000 Israeli Christians to cross into Jordan for a few hours on Christmas Eve. Jordan has not yet announced how many applications it will grant.

Since the Palestine war, pilgrims have been unable to take the traditional five-and-a-half-mile road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem because the first two miles of it lie in Israel. Instead, they must cross into Jordan at Jerusalem and follow the road across the Mount of Olives and down to Bethany.

WILD COUNTRY

From there the road skirts the Israeli frontier through several miles of wild country. Jordan and Israel are still technically at war, and although hostilities have ceased, there is almost no communication across the frontier.

Bethlehem now has a population of 12,000, with 12,000 more Arab refugees from Israel living in the surrounding hills, but its box-like houses and crooked streets have changed only superficially since that day nearly 20 centuries ago when Joseph and Mary came there to be taxed.

Five days before the anniversary of Christ's birth, thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the world are beginning to arrive in Bethlehem and Jerusalem for one of the world's greatest religious celebrations. Jerusalem is a holy city to Christians, Jews and Moslems alike. United Press.

Careless Driver To Pay \$400

A fine of \$200 was imposed on Ng Wing, 21-year-old woman of 60 Bonham Road, ground floor, by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for careless driving on November 14.

The Police said that, while driving private car No. HK2763 in Queen's Road East near the junction of Ship Street, defendant ran down a woman, Lo Wan, who was walking across the roadway. Lo was treated at the hospital and discharged.

Pleading guilty, Ng was also ordered to pay \$200 as compensation to Lo Wan.

New Advisory Committee

The appointment by HE the Governor of a Public Transport Advisory Committee to advise Government on the co-ordination and provision of public transport services was announced in the Gazette this morning.

The following have been appointed to serve as members of the Committee: The Colonial Secretary (Chairman), the Hon. Leo d'Almada de Castro, KC, the Hon. Lo Man-wai, OBE, the Hon. Ngan Shing-kwan, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. C. S. Johnston, MBE, TD, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. W. S. Loney, Mr. D. Rutherford, Mr. G. B. Thomson, Mr. C. F. Wood and Mr. Young Tsun-dart.

ALLEGED FRAUD

John William Edgar Hall, of RAF, Kai Tak, was charged before Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning with obtaining credit by fraud. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for seven days.

It was alleged that Hall at the Cuba Dancing Academy, 14K Chatham Road, obtained by fraud, credit to the sum of \$12 from Tommy Chan.

2 Months For Thief

Sentence of two months was passed by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning on Lo Tak-fai, unemployed, who was charged with larceny of a wooden table valued at \$7 from 730 Nathan Road, ground floor, yesterday. Defendant had six previous convictions.

Expulsion Order

An expulsion order was made by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning against Chan Wai-cheng, 17-year-old girl, who admitted the theft of a pair of trousers and a jacket from a fellow-tenant in an un-numbered hut at Pak Tin Village on December 10-11.

Churchill, Truman Will Discuss Far East Long-Term Prospects

London, Dec. 21.

The long term prospects of peace or war in the Far East will be one of the main topics of discussion between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and the United States President Harry Truman in Washington in January, diplomatic quarters here believe.

The prospects of the truce negotiations in Korea is one of the main problems now preoccupying both the British and United States Governments.

By the time Mr. Churchill, accompanied by his Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, reaches Washington in January, it will be known whether the negotiators in Korea have succeeded in agreeing on an armistice within the 30 days fixed as the period for which a demarcation line could be considered as agreed.

This period is due to expire on December 26, but, if the negotiations were still progressing though incomplete when it runs out, there is a fair chance that it may be extended.

CRUCIAL QUESTION

In the absence of a complete and final breakdown in the truce talks, the real issue before Mr. Churchill and President Truman in Washington is expected here to be the question of how to prevent any fresh outbreak of fighting should an armistice be secured.

Here the two statesmen are back at a basic assessment of Chinese intentions. In facing question of whether an armistice, if this can be negotiated, will endure, the Western statesmen also face the question of why the fighting in Korea ever broke out.

They also have to face the question whether, if fighting broke out again, issues could be settled in Korea short of a far more unrestrained war than the United Nations troops have yet conducted.

Since General Douglas MacArthur's all-out offensive last autumn north of the 38th parallel, the United Nations have in fact been fighting a strictly limited liability war. Even during General MacArthur's last campaign when United Nations troops were carrying their offensive up to the Manchurian frontier, the United Nations Command, under a strong, agreed political directive, refrained from the two courses of action most likely to force a decision.

These, which were freely discussed but rejected among the governments prosecuting the war, were the bombing of targets inside the frontiers of China to challenge that "privileged sanctuary" of Manchuria, and an all-out blockade of the China coast.

These extreme courses of action were rejected by the United Nations Command in the belief that the Korean war could, and must, be localised. The view that the war could be localised was based in its turn on the belief that China had entered the fighting unadvisedly for a variety of motives but did not want a general conflict with the West.

This, the more optimistic of the two possible interpretations of Chinese intentions, has apparently been borne out by Chinese interest in the truce talks.

DISQUIETING But there has been at the same time disquieting evidence, seen from the Western standpoint, that the Communist forces in Korea are being steadily built up and equipped with improved armaments.

If the conclusion of an armistice should be followed by a fresh outbreak of fighting, there can be no doubt that the optimistic interpretation of Communist intentions would suffer a severe blow and that pressure for a more drastic conduct of the war by the United Nations would be increased.

It is this medium term aspect of the Korean situation, together with the ultimate question of how a political settlement can be reached if an armistice is concluded, which will have to be tackled in Washington next month.

Mr. Churchill is even less likely than his Labour predecessors to consider bartering Communist control of Formosa for peace in Korea. Nor would any American Government agree to such a deal.

Since the Chinese Government has consistently made the handing over of Formosa a condition for a political settlement in Korea, the prospects of a general settlement in the Far East remain remote.

In the circumstances, the possibility of ending the Korean war in Korea, together with the question of United

Nations military policy should it break out again, is more likely to occupy Truman's mind than the prospect of ending the cold war in that area. —Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H K T. Programme Summary, 6.02. Children's Hour, 7.00. The Highwayman's Tale, 7.15. The Deep Woodlanders, by E. Elston Trevor. Part 6. Highwayman on Trial, 6.30. Cantata by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S. K. Lee (Studio), 6.50. Organ Solo by Harry Goss, Custard, 7.00. Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay), 7.15. The Kentucky Minstrels, 7.30. No. 32 in the Series presented by The British Council (Studio), 7.50. Weather Report, 8.00. "From the Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay), 8.10. Interlude, 8.15. London Studio Melodies (BBC's) Eric Robinson and His Orchestra with Donald Scott and June Whitfield, 8.45. Viennese Waltz Orchestra, 9.00. "Music Lovers Hour"—Classical Requests—Presented by George Staver produced by Edward Livesey, 11.00. Radio News (Recorded Relay), 11.15. Good Night Music, 11.30. Weather Report: God Save the King, 11.30. Close Down.

Recognition Given Vice-Consul

Recognition of Mon. C. D. Barkman as Vice-Consul for the Netherlands at Hongkong has been extended by HE the Governor, the Gazette announced this morning.

Notice was also given that the King's Exequatur empowering Mr. A. D. Barnett to act as Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Mr. H. J. Collar, CBE, has been appointed by H. E. the Governor to act as a Member of the Public Services Commission in place of Mr. C. C. Roberts, who has resigned on his departure from the Colony, the Gazette announced this morning.

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Living Language

Why we say Not worth the candle.

This phrase reminds us that gambling-tables were once lighted by candles, and when the game was said to be "not worth the candle" it was a way of saying that it was so ill-rewarding that it was not worth the cost of the candle that lit it. But the phrase has altered a little to mean nowadays that a certain venture isn't worth the risk involved.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcels, mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mails times shown below.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

By Air: Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways, 5 p.m.; New Zealand, 5 p.m.; Q.E.A. 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 5 p.m.; Ceylon, India, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 5 p.m.; Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, 5 p.m.; U.S.A. 5 p.m.; P.A.L. 5 p.m.; Siam, 5 p.m.; P.O.A.S. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

By Surface: Siam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m.; via B.O.A.C. 11.30 a.m.; U.S.A. 2 p.m.; P.A.L. 2 p.m.; Japan, 3 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 3 p.m.; Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m.; Air France 5 p.m.

By Surface: Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; as Lee Hong/Tai Shing. China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; 8 p.m.; train via Canton. Formosa, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; S.H.K.A./N.W.A.L. U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, Noon, 8 p.m.; Trade Wind. Malaysia, Burma, India, 2 p.m.; Singapore, 2 p.m.; ss. Hermelin. Indonesia, 5 p.m.; ss. Tjiwangi.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

By Surface: Formosa, 5 p.m.; via H.K. Airways.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Japan, 5 p.m.; via B.O.A.C. U.S.A., Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m.; H.K.A./N.W.A.L. Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; C.P.A. Indo-China, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.

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